

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Blood drive

A blood drive is from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. today at the education center. Call Ext. 2123 or Ext. 2197.

### Education survey

People can help the education center review Columbus AFB's education needs by completing the Education Needs Assessment Survey. It can be found at [afvec.langley.af.mil/needs/](http://afvec.langley.af.mil/needs/). People should select Columbus AFB from the drop-down menu, click or write their responses and then submit. The survey deadline is today. Call Ext. 2561.

### DEERS deadline

The deadline for Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System beneficiaries to update their eligibility and remain eligible for TRICARE For Life is extended to Sunday. Call Ext. 2626.

### Voters' week

Armed Forces Voters' Week is Sunday to Sept. 7. People are encouraged to fill out absentee ballots and mail them in by Sept. 7. Call a unit representative or Ext. 5670.

### Holiday hours

All Services activities are closed Monday for Labor Day except for the following: bowling center from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., fitness center from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., golf course from 7 a.m. to dusk and Independence Pool from noon to 7 p.m. Monday is the last day the pool is open for the season.

The shoppette is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday. The commissary and exchange will be open during normal business hours Tuesday. The library is closed Sunday and the enlisted lounge and Landing Lounge are closed today.

## Mission Report

As of Wednesday

### T-37

Goal: 3,032

Flown: 3,146

### T-1A

Goal: 2,408.0 hrs.

Flown: 2,470.1 hrs.

### T-38

Goal: 1,771

Flown: 1,744



Senior Airman Amanda Mills

### Pre-flight inspection

First Lts. Jay Womble, 37th Flying Training Squadron instructor pilot, and Scott Rushe, Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 03-07 student, inspect the right wing wheel well on a T-37 Tweet trainer aircraft. The T-37 is used to teach student pilots the fundamentals of aircraft handling, instrument, formation and night flying.

## Senior airmen begin leadership steps

### Staff Sgt. Kyle Ford Public affairs

Fifteen future staff sergeants began airman leadership school Aug. 22.

Airman leadership school is the first stepping-stone for all enlisted people to achieve leadership positions within the ranks.

"ALS is a requirement to sew on staff sergeant," said Tech. Sgt. Kevin Hawks, ALS instructor. "Every single airman in this class has a line number for staff."

According to the mission statement, the school is designed to prepare selected senior airmen for supervisory duties and foster a commitment to the profession of arms.

To accomplish this mission, students are exposed to three major areas of study: The profession of arms, leadership and communication skills.

The profession of arms section

includes sections on the Air Force mission and airmanship. Airmen examine the practice of military art and science as it applies to the Air Force and the disciplines of airmanship.

Students spend the most time studying leadership. They are given the philosophy, concepts, principles and operating practices of effective leadership in the Air Force. Then they apply this knowledge during classroom exercises.

All the leadership skills don't help if a student can't communicate effectively, so airmen also focus on becoming more effective communicators. They learn about interpersonal and written communications as well as speaking skills.

In the end, students accumulate 192 hours of instruction and are nine credit hours closer to finishing their Community College of the Air Force degrees.

All the training is important, but more important is getting the student to apply

their newfound leadership skills to their Air Force careers, Hawks said. "Unlike tech' training schools, ALS gives them the tools for effective leadership and management. If the students then use them they will grow into effective leaders."

Most students have the same idea in mind after graduating ALS.

"I want to gain the knowledge to return to my unit with the expertise to instill discipline and morale for the troops of tomorrow," said Senior Airman Richard Baldwin, 14th Security Forces Squadron.

Others had more personal goals. "I'm really just trying to figure out what route I want to take in the Air Force," said Senior Airman Erreca Weaver, 14th Comptroller Flight.

Hawks enjoys his job and has his own goal in mind, "To hopefully develop future supervisors that won't make the same mistakes I did as a junior NCO."



Tech. Sgt. Jim Moser

### Mosquito bite protection

Marion McClenton, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron pest management specialist, checks the squadron's mosquito-spraying equipment Thursday. The CES Entomology section will spray the housing areas for mosquitoes Monday and Thursday evenings.

## AF to cancel 100,000 travel cards

### Master Sgt. Ron Tull Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — More than 100,000 of the Air Force's government travel cards will be canceled in early October for lack of use, according to the service's travel card program manager.

The move, said Michael Weber, is part of a service-wide effort to "clean up the books" and will affect those people who have not used their card for a year or more. He added that precautions are in place to ensure no one is caught empty-handed in a time of need.

"We won't leave anyone stranded," Weber said. "If for some reason an individual didn't hear about this [policy] and is checking into a hotel and the card is rejected, [he or she] can always have the hotel staff call the number on the back of the card to have the bank override the transaction. We can force-authorize restaurants, rental cars and airline tickets, but not automatic teller machines."

The actions come as a result of a recent task force formed in response to Congressional hearings on government credit cards. The task force confirmed that the Department of Defense has too many cards in the hands of people who are not using them, Weber said.

The Air Force has the largest travel card program in the Department of Defense with approximately 532,000 travel cards issued, or 37 percent of the DOD total, according to Weber.

"It's not as bad as it appears on the surface. A lot of

these cards are already expired," he said. "We estimate that out of the 100,000 cards (subject to cancellation), 80,000 of them are expired or unused." The card cancellations, set to begin Oct. 3, will help the Air Force and Bank of America clean up their databases, Weber said. Those who have their card canceled but still need one for Air Force travel will have to go through a re-application process. New applications should be available in September on the Web.

"This could inconvenience some people, but we know of no easy way to do it," he said.

Commanders and agency program coordinators will receive lists in early September of cards expected to be canceled. If anyone on the list is traveling in the near future, he or she can call the bank to get an authorized override on the account. It will still require a phone call by the merchant at the point of purchase.

"If this has to happen, I really hope they keep in mind the people on mobility status," said Senior Airman Cushiyah Yehuda, 14th Flying Training Wing Command Post. "They're really going to need the cards in a moment's notice. For others, if they can't keep their card and they have to go [on temporary duty, change stations] or deploy, there should at least be some other compensation."

The government travel card remains an integral part of the Defense Travel System and represents the best option for Air Force travelers, Weber said.

"I still get people who tell me they don't like the travel card," he said. "But I've yet to have someone suggest a more modern way to travel."



## New drug policy expands

WASHINGTON — The Defense Department is continuing its anti-drug efforts with a new policy that involves more frequent random testing of active duty military, reservists and civilian employees.

Signed by Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz on July 31, the new policy reflects the reality that the nation is at war, Andre Hollis, deputy assistant secretary of defense for counternarcotics, said Aug. 13.

"It's even more critical during war that our service members are mentally alert and physically fit. Drug use is inconsistent with that," he emphasized. "I'm sure that's the message you'll hear from the NCOs all the way up to the secretary of defense."

Hollis said he was tasked to do a bottom-up review of DOD's drug policy after assuming his job in August last year. The new policy is a result of that review, he noted. The primary purpose of the policy is to reduce demand for and the use of illegal drugs within DOD.

"We're going to increase our testing across all the services — active, National Guard and Reserve," he said. "That's very important, because all of our men and women in uniform and civilian members of DOD are involved in this war effort. It's critical that we all give 100 percent and that we're drug-free and able to help the secretary and the president in this war on terror."

Hollis said the new policy also calls for minimum, across-the-board consequences for anyone in DOD — military or civilian — caught using drugs. He said that he noticed during his review that rules varied across the services regarding drug use.

For example, he explained, in the past service members of different branches found using drugs under the same circumstances might have received different punishments. DOD is working closely with the services to come up with minimum uniformity to improve not only the sense of fairness, but also the clarity of the message, he said. *(Courtesy of AF News)*

## AF TV News seeks questions

SAN ANTONIO — Airmen can be active participants in this year's annual senior leadership special, produced by Air Force Television News.

Instead of AF TV News reporters posing their questions to the secretary of the Air Force, Air Force chief of staff and chief master sergeant of the Air Force, this year the TV News staff is soliciting questions from anyone in an Air Force uniform.

People can e-mail questions for any of the three senior leaders to [afnews@afnews.af.mil](mailto:afnews@afnews.af.mil) now through the end of October. Anyone submitting a question is asked to include his or her rank, name and duty location. Those questions selected will be included in the taped interview of the three leaders. An air date for the interview has not yet been determined. *(Courtesy of AF News)*



# AF Crossroads puts information at users’ fingertips

**Staff Sgt. A.J. Bosker**  
Air Force Print News

**WASHINGTON** — The Air Force Crossroads Web site has become the service’s “Yellow Pages,” putting community and service information at the fingertips of active-duty airmen, Reservists, Air National Guard, retirees and their families and civilian employees.

The site pools Internet resources from Air Force, Department of Defense and civilian sources into a single location that is available to members of the Air Force family throughout the world.

“The Columbus AFB information is updated in the DOD installations section as soon as changes are forwarded to the Family Support Center Relocation staff,” said Patsy Wood, 14th Mission Support Squadron FSC career consultant. “Air Force Family Support Centers use this Website not only for relocation but for all types of family-related information from adoption, employment, eldercare, readiness and even classified ads.”

“Crossroads is our official community Web site,” said Rosie Conley, program manager at the Pentagon for AF Crossroads. “Our goal is to educate our people and their families and help them support one another.”

Crossroads had its beginnings in 1997. Its main purpose was to provide DOD installation information and resources to help families deal with the stresses incurred during permanent change of station moves and separations.

However, Conley and the rest of the human resource technology staff continually strive to expand the services and resources offered on Crossroads.

Today, the site provides information on a variety of topics ranging from education, eldercare, finance, employment resources and relocation assistance to family separation due to deployment. More than 8 million people visit the site each month.

Recognizing the role spouses play in managing the family during deployments, the Crossroads staff also implemented a spouses’ forum and chat room. The forum lets spouses learn from each other and share their experiences,

advice and resources from both home and abroad.

“The AF Crossroads Website provides immediate access to a wealth of base information and an ability to communicate with each other across the miles that separate us,” Wood said. “No matter where our members and their families are, AF Crossroads is available to them.”

Although popular with military spouses, Conley explained that the site is, “not just for spouses. Exiting military members can get great job leads from the site as well.”

The Air Force Crossroads Web site can be accessed from any computer, and there are areas open to the public, Conley said. However, for security reasons, access to much of Crossroads’ resources requires users to register for access. Some areas are open to Air Force only.

Membership is limited to those people in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System. Once verified, people are required to create a username and password.

The crossroads Web site is [www.AFCrossroads.com](http://www.AFCrossroads.com). People desiring access to closed areas can simply fill out the form on the screen to register.

# Air Force people have voice in quality-of-life improvement

**2nd Lt. Joseph Coslett**  
Public affairs

Columbus AFB people can help improve the Air Force through the 2002 Chief of Staff Quality of Life Survey.

“I am releasing this quality-of-life survey to get input from our people regarding current Air Force quality-of-life programs and to help us decide which programs or initiatives we need to pursue in the future,” said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper. “It’s important that people take the time to complete this survey to help me improve the quality of life for all our airmen and civilians.”

About 5,000 people a day for three weeks will receive the survey by e-mail. The questions focus on manpower, work environment, compensation and benefits, operations and personnel tempo, health care, housing, education and community and family programs.

Inputs are anonymous, thus giving people complete confidence to express accurate views without repercussion or reprisal, according to Chief Master Sgt. Randy Auld, 14th Flying Training Wing command chief master sergeant.

“Throughout my almost 25 years of service in the Air Force, the talk in the trenches has always been: ‘They don’t understand what it is like at my level. They don’t care what we need to do our

jobs. They are so busy with the big picture items, that small issues just don’t rise to the top and get the attention needed,” Auld said. “Well, the quality-of-life survey was initiated to correct just that. To give another medium to address concerns from the working level airman, noncommissioned officer and officer about their quality-of-life concerns.

“Without inputs, numerous previous issues wouldn’t have been addressed and corrected. Without your input now — issues still plaguing the Air Force’s ability to accomplish the mission will not be identified, diagnosed and corrected.”

Past feedback sessions have impacted future aspects of the Air Force’s fighting ability.

“I’ve seen firsthand how past surveys have benefited people at the wing level,” said Lt. Col. Frank Pombar, chief of the Air Force quality-of-life programs branch at the Pentagon. “Concerns about adequate housing, fitness centers, base exchanges and child-care facilities have resulted in numerous construction and renovation projects throughout the Air Force.”

The quality-of-life programs branch requests completion of the feedback within three days after receiving the survey.

“Be part of the team — make your opportunity today count for the future,” Auld said.



Senior Airman Amanda Mills

## Next!

**Senior Airman Jaime Gramer, 14th Operations Support Squadron, processes through an exercise deployment line Wednesday. The exercise Monday to Wednesday tested Columbus AFB’s ability to respond to worldwide emergencies.**

# Military people can maximize community activities

**Maj. Chuck Shea**  
14th Comptroller Flight



When you received your assignment notification to Columbus, Miss., was your first reaction — there must be a typo? After calling military personnel and confirming there was no typo, was your next reaction — where is Columbus, Miss.?

Have you heard someone say or have you even said yourself, ‘There is nothing to do in Columbus’? Sure the pace of life in Columbus is not what you find in a place

like Columbus, Ohio, or Washington, D.C., my home for four years prior to my assignment here. There isn’t a Starbucks on every corner, or any corner for that matter. But there are many things to do in and around Columbus.

Military personnel and their families are known for being adaptable.

Columbus provides an extra challenge to our adaptability due to the remote location. I have found the keys to adapting and even enjoying the tour here are very simple — planning and initiative.

The *Silver Wings* is a great place to start ... just flip to the end of the paper and look for “Services Snapshots.” Services does an excellent job of offering many different

things to do on and off base — I am not being paid for this testimonial! While you may not attend every function hosted by services, you should try some of them.

I attended both comedy nights hosted by services at the Columbus Club and the quality of the comedians was as good as you would find at a comedy club in a larger city. You couldn’t beat the ticket price.

Services also offers many great weekend trips. I took the Mardi Gras trip to New Orleans last March. The trip was great fun and a great deal. Those who know me know I appreciate a good deal.

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## STRAIGHT TALK LINE

*The Straight Talk Line is your direct line to the commander for comments and suggestions on how to make Columbus AFB a better place.*

*Although the Straight Talk Line is always available, the best way to resolve problems is through the chain of command.*

*The Straight Talk Line phone number is 434-7058. Callers should leave their full name and phone number to receive an answer. All names will be kept confidential.*

*Messages may be answered in the Silver Wings without names.*

*Written questions may also be brought to the public affairs office in the wing headquarters building, Bldg. 724.*

*Questions and answers will be edited for brevity.*



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# Wing commander envisions best training wing on planet

**Tech. Sgt. Jim Moser**  
Public affairs

The latest chapter in the history of Columbus AFB began Aug. 9 with the passing of the of the wing guidon to the new wing commander — Col. Stephen Schmidt.

Fresh from an assignment at United States Strategic Command at Offutt AFB, Neb., his vision for the 14th Flying Training Wing, “to be the best flying training wing on the face of the planet,” is short and to the point.

“We train one-third of our nation’s future pilots,” he said. “I truly believe Columbus AFB is where airpower begins. What we do today will shape our Air Force’s future. If we are not at our best now, producing the world’s most professional military aviators today, then we can’t expect to remain the best Air Force in the world five, 10 or 15 years from now.”

People pave the road to number one, and according to Schmidt, to get there people need “to be their best and do the right thing in all situations.”

Beyond a doubt, integrity is a characteristic that’s highly valued by the colonel.

“Integrity — it’s the foundation for character. It ultimately

determines who we are and how we perform. Good judgment is another key factor for success — and it really comes down to common sense.”

According to Schmidt, people should use the common sense approach when dealing with safety, security and taking care of each other.

“Take security for example,” he said. “We need to stay one step ahead of the bad guy. By looking at our environment and using a little common sense, we may come up with things — new ideas to keep the bad guys off balance.”

Schmidt also hopes people will be ready to share new ideas on how to make the wing a better place to live and work.

“I’m a believer in people and air power,” commented Schmidt. “I’m always looking for better ways of doing business. Be creative, look for opportunities to do things differently. I intend to foster a culture that looks for new ideas and ways to implement them. Each

person in the wing, military and civilian, brings a unique perspective and set of abilities to the Air Force. Every one of us has at least one or two great ideas that can make this wing and ultimately the Air Force better. Don’t accept the ‘status quo.’ Challenge it and make us all better.”



**Col. Stephen Schmidt**  
14th Flying Training Wing  
commander

## Fall Bible school comes to Columbus AFB

**Senior Airman Amanda Mills**  
Public affairs

The chapel recently introduced new Sunday Bible study classes to its Protestant group with classes available for children ages 3 to 12, and two morning classes available for adults.

“The chapel’s religious education programs seem to be one of the best-kept secrets on Columbus AFB,” said Chaplain (Capt.) Michael Rash, religious education director. “This no longer needs to be the case. We have an excellent Sunday religious education menu from which to choose.”

The youth and adult programs start at 9 a.m.

“We’ve introduced a new curriculum this year,” said Joy Garrison, Protestant religious education coordinator. “It’s called Faith-Weaver. The kids gather at 9 a.m. for a combined 30 minutes of singing and a Bible lesson. Then, they break into their own age groups and re-apply the story for another half hour. For the first two weeks, we’ve

averaged 49 children and there’s room for 49 more.”

During the traditional Protestant service starting at 10:45 a.m. and the 1 p.m. contemporary worship, ages 3 to 7 can attend children’s church, where the Sunday school lessons learned earlier that morning are reinforced.

“This also enables us to show examples as a whole that the lessons they’re learning aren’t just important at church, they can also be applied in their everyday lives,” Garrison said.

“Kids need a strong foundation in their lives,” said Tech. Sgt. Chloe Ross, 14th Flying Training Wing law office manager and fifth- and sixth-grade classroom teacher. “I really feel like I’m doing my part to impart these lessons into that foundation.”

The two morning adult classes taught are the Book of Acts and a study on Biblical stewardship using Crown Ministries.

“The Book of Acts is simply that,” Garrison said. “The attendees get explanations of the teachings in the

book and learn how to apply them.”

According to Gregg Havens, the stewardship instructor, the Crown studies are provided at the chapel as a part of Sunday school and small group Bible study. “In the Crown study, you learn what Scripture teaches about managing all your possessions.”

Study topics include getting out of debt, spending, giving, earning money, saving, budgeting, training children in finances and investing.

A more in-depth version of this financial-studies class is also offered from 7 to 9 p.m. Sundays at the chapel.

“The most important hope is to have people enter into a closer relationship with Jesus Christ,” Havens said. “Most Christians have been taught only God’s principles of handling 10 percent of their income — the area of giving. Although this is crucial, they do not understand the Lord’s perspective on handling the other 90 percent.”

For more information about the chapel activities or other chapel programs, call Ext. 2500.

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The paper also lists festivals and area events in the Around Town section.

Have you found yourself whining that the nearest large mall is an hour away? You need to put the drive to Tupelo into proper perspective. To get to the mall in Tupelo, you drive an hour on the open road. You go 65 miles an hour. You arrive and find a parking space right at the mall’s door.

Compare this to the same trip if you lived in Washington, D.C. You drive an hour to a mall that is 12 miles away from your home. There is an accident on the beltway so you crawl 10 miles an hour for most of the drive. After breaking free from the clutches of the accident, you get cut off by 20 different cars, cursed at by the other drivers and nearly run of the road by taxis. When you arrive at the mall, you find a parking spot where, if you can even read the signs on the outside of the stores, ... it’s your lucky day. Now, the Tupelo mall doesn’t seem so far away.

If you have too much free time on your hands have you considered working on a bachelors or masters degree? Columbus is close to two universities and a great community college. The local universities waive the residency requirement for family members so costs are minimized. The base education center is a wonderful resource for the educational opportunities available here. Stop by and visit them ... you’ll be amazed by the opportunities.

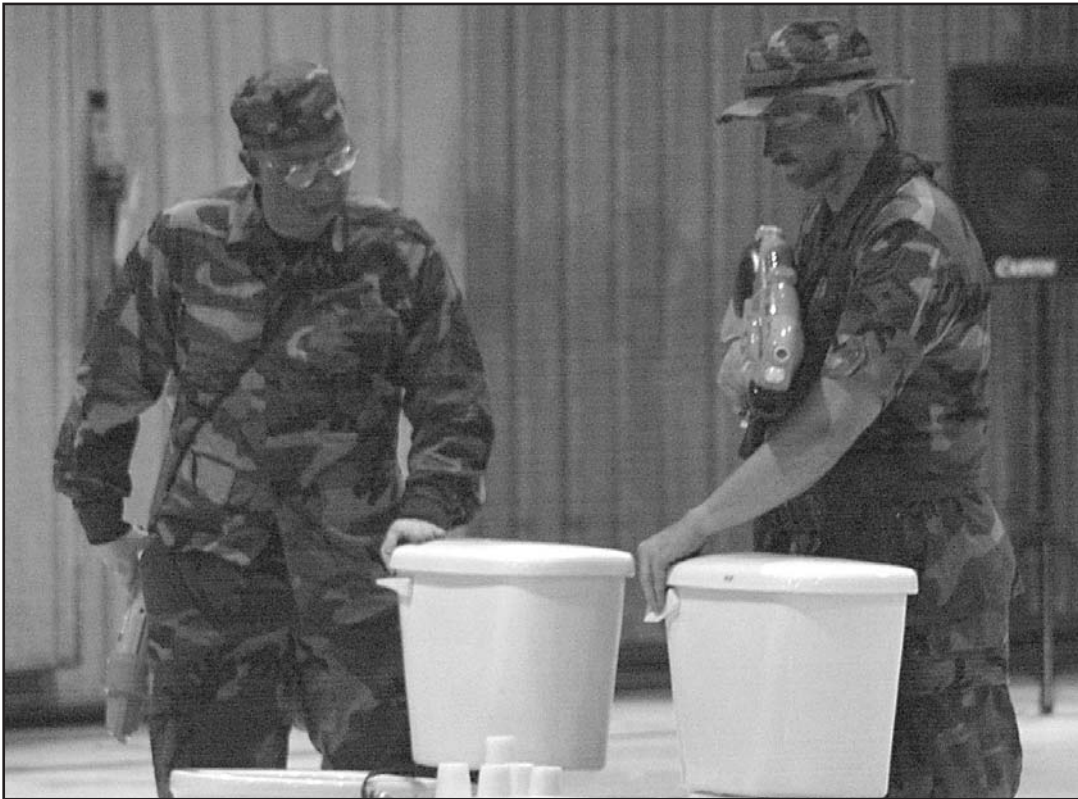
I could go on and on and on. The bottom line is your happiness during your Columbus AFB tour rests largely with you. With proper planning and initiative, there is something here to suit everyone’s taste. Before you complain that Columbus has nothing to offer, make sure you get out and experience what it does have to offer.

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If we tell you to hang up, we didn’t need any more information and you will be asked to meet the responders if possible at the door.

Finally, if you misdial trying to get an off-base line and it rings to the 911 Center, please do not hang up. Our regulations require that we call you back and if unable to reach you then security forces will be dispatched. Everyone has made that mistake at one time or another.

The fire department is staffed with 25 certified 911 Operators, with 10 more receiving certification at the end of September. Emergency medical technicians are on duty 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. We are your helping hand in your time of need. *(Editor’s note: Off-base 911 calls are handled by Lowndes county 911 services.)*



Master Sgts. Tracy Davis and Bruce Freed, sergeants of arms, prepare the ‘grog.’

# COMBAT DINING OUT: FAREWELL CHIEF ROY

**Senior Airman Amanda Mills**  
Public affairs

Shrieks and guffaws echoed through Hangar 4 as people filed in to escape wet weather only to be bombarded by the spray of water guns and silly string.

Participants of Aug. 23’s combat dining out in honor of Chief Master Sgt. James Roy didn’t let the move from SAC Lake to the hangar, due to the evening’s storm, quell their mood. Roy departed Columbus AFB to become the command chief master sergeant at Charleston AFB, S.C.

“It was so much fun,” said Airman Basic Nicole Paille, 14th Medical Operations Squadron dental technician, the youngest airman at the event. “This was my first Friday [on Columbus AFB], and it made me feel more comfortable to see that everyone was having a good time. I was also surprised at how well everyone was getting along.”

Along with an almost continuous water fight, people were treated to pulled pork sandwiches, ribs, chicken, potato salad, coleslaw and drinks. Then Roy was honored with a short “A Day in the Life of Chief Roy” video, picture slide show and two framed gifts.

“I personally think the evening went great considering we were 10 minutes from starting at SAC Lake and had to immediately pick up and relocate due to a severe thunderstorm,” said Chief Master Sgt. Tom Pelfrey, event president. “That was not going to dampen our spirits or desire to say goodbye to our command chief.

“I talked with Chief Roy after the event and he was extremely impressed with how we were able to adjust to the situation. He and Paula [his wife] were very touched and wanted to pass on their appreciation for the more than 250 people who braved the storm and made the event a very special farewell for them.”

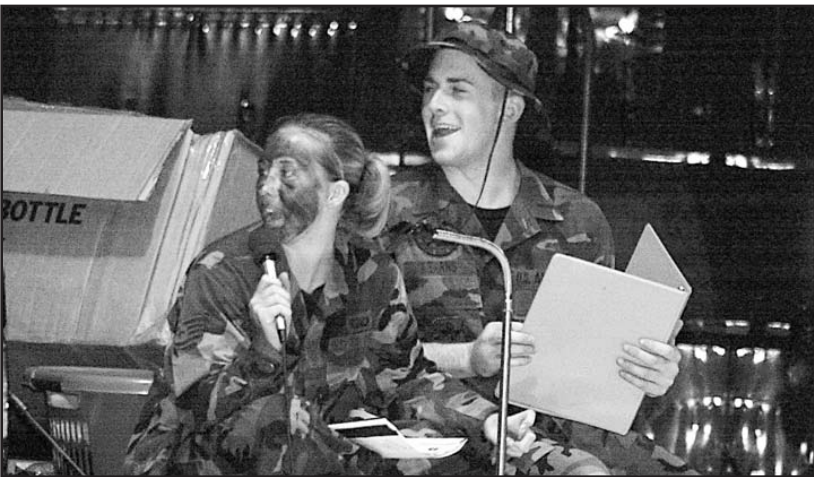
*(Editor’s note: The new 14th Flying Training Wing’s command chief master sergeant is Chief Master Sgt. Randy Auld.)*



Airman Jake Rewerts, base honor guardsman, plays Taps at the dining out.



Paula Roy and Chief Master Sgt. James Roy, guests of honor at the dining out, perform the grog ceremony while getting doused by the audience.



Staff Sgt. Dori Gilder, madam vice, and Senior Airman Will Kearns, mister vice, read from the dining out script.



## AT THE CHAPEL

### Chapel schedule

#### Catholic

##### Sunday activities:

9 a.m. — Mass  
5 p.m. — Confessions  
5:30 p.m. — Mass

#### Wednesday

11:30 a.m. — Mass

#### Protestant

##### Sunday activities:

9 a.m. — Sunday school  
10:45 a.m. — Traditional worship  
1 p.m. — Contemporary worship

#### Wednesdays

5:30 p.m. — Video Bible study supper

7:15 p.m. — Choir rehearsal

#### Thursdays

11:30 a.m. — Lunch Bible study  
For Islamic, Jewish, Orthodox or other services, call the chapel at Ext. 2500.

## AT THE MOVIES

All movies are shown at 7 p.m., unless otherwise noted, at the base theater.

#### Today

“K-19: The Widowmaker” (PG-13, disturbing images, 138 min.)

Starring: Harrison Ford and Liam Neeson.

#### Saturday

“Men In Black II” (PG-13, sci-fi action violence, 82 min.)

Starring: Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones.

#### Sept. 6

“Country Bears” (G, 88 min.)  
Starring: Haley Joel Osment and Christopher Walken.

## CHANNEL 64

BLAZE 64 offers announcements for people living in base housing or the dormitories.

Call 2nd Lt. Joseph Coslett for more information at Ext. 7065.

#### Weekdays

9 a.m., noon and 2 p.m.

Air Force Television News

Monday through Sept. 6

9:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

College Level Examination Program:

“Social Science”

## FAMILY SUPPORT



(Editor's note: All activities are offered at the family support center unless otherwise specified. For more information, call Ext. 2790.)

**Remote/deployed briefing:** Military people who are going remote or being deployed must attend a mandatory briefing offered at 9 a.m. Thursdays.

**Bundles of Joy:** Active-duty people or spouses of active-duty people who are expecting a baby are eligible for this free program with information and gifts for their child.

## BASE NOTES



**English as a second language:** This class is from 2 to 4 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at the education center. It is for those for whom English is not the primary language and is open to anyone with access to Columbus AFB. Call Ext. 2562 or 2572.

**Girl scout registration:** Girl scout registration for those in kindergarten through sixth grade is from 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesday at the youth center. Call Ext. 2504.

**Enlisted culinary aide:** The Air Force Senior Leader Management office is looking for senior airmen and above with culinary skills to fill a vacancy in Supreme Allied Headquarters, Belgium. The application is due Thursday. For more information, visit [www.dp.hq.af.mil/afgomo/index.htm](http://www.dp.hq.af.mil/afgomo/index.htm).

**Chapel meeting:** An informational meeting for Jewish people is at 1 p.m. Sept. 8 in the chapel annex. Rabbi Mark Peilen from Congregation B'nai Israel in Columbus gives a presentation describing worship and other events the congregation offers throughout the year. Call Ext. 2500.

**ESC social:** The next enlisted spouses club social is from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Sept. 9 at the community center. Cost is free and new arrivals to Columbus AFB are welcome. Call 434-8823.

**OSC social:** The next officers spouses



Senior Airman Amanda Mills

## Thrift shop

**Dorothy Gill, enlisted spouses club mentor, fills out consignment item tags at the thrift shop Tuesday. The thrift shop hours are from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursdays. It will also be open from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday for “Mom’s Consignment Day Out” and from 8 a.m. to noon Sept. 7. Consignments are accepted until an hour before closing time, except Sept. 7. Call Ext. 8452.**

club social begins at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 10 at the Columbus Club.

Menu includes chef’s salad for \$8 or rosemary pork loin with rice pilaf for \$9.50. Non-Columbus Club members pay an additional \$3. New members are welcome. Call 434-5511 to make reservations by Tuesday.

**Palace Envoy:** Palace Envoy is looking for captain or major volunteers for military liaison teams in the countries of Georgia or the Ukraine. Nomination packages are due by Oct. 11 and can be faxed to Headquarters U.S. Air Forces Europe at DSN 314-480-9729. A copy can also be sent to Headquarters Air Force Personnel Center at DSN 665-3805. Call 314-480-6232 or 665-2246.

**Safety recall:** The Oriental Trading Company Inc. recalled its “Patriotic Galaxy Wand.” The company received complaints that the battery component could become hot enough to burn a consumer’s hand.

Columbus AFB sold 96 of these wands during Go 4th. For more information on receiving a refund or on the product itself, call (800) 723-6155.

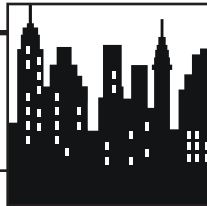
**Poison control:** The American Association of Poison Control Centers has a new nationwide poison control center number. The number is (800) 222-1222. Visit the center at [www.aapcc.org](http://www.aapcc.org).

**Personal property shipment:** In accordance with Department of Defense directive 4500.9R, installation commanders and supervisors should allow enough time off

from duties for people to receive counseling and arrange for shipment of personal property. Call Ext. 2573.

**Overpricing program:** People are encouraged to participate in this program and will be rewarded for any tangible savings that result from their price challenge. For guidance, call Ext. 7178.

## AROUND TOWN



**Howlin’ Wolf Memorial Blues Festival:** The seventh annual blues festival is today at the West Point Civic. Gates open at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$15 at the gate.

**Prairie Arts Festival:** This event begins at 9 a.m. Saturday in downtown West Point. The event features food, music, crafts and more.

**Bluegrass at the mall:** A bluegrass concert is from 1 to 5 p.m. Monday at the Mall at Barnes Crossing in Tupelo, Miss. Call (662) 491-0449.

**Fall fair:** The 2002 Golden Triangle Fall Fair is Thursday to Sept. 8 at the Mississippi Horse Park in Starkville. A large midway with food, games and more is available. Take Hwy 82 to Hwy 12, then left on S. Montgomery.

# Club announces a ‘jolting’ giveaway

### Pam Wickham

Marketing Director

The “Electrified Membership Drive” may prove to be an electrifying experience for some new members as Air Force clubs launch the program Tuesday.

Air Force Clubs are giving away a variety of electronic entertainment equipment in the drive to prove membership pays.

New and current club members across the Air Force will be eligible to receive gifts like the new plasma and flat screen televisions, home theater systems, personal component systems, portable DVD players, MP3 players and more.

Air Force Clubs hope to sign up 10,000 new members before the drive ends Dec. 20.



Everyone will be eligible for prizes that will be given to people who join any Air Force Club worldwide. Membership pays for current club members too. Current members are automatically entered to win in a separate drawing. Winners will be randomly selected for each prize. “We always want to recognize existing

members,” said Ed Nunn, club manager. “They are the lifeblood of our clubs. Plus, they are one of the best forms of endorsement for an evolving club system that offers something for all.”

Besides meals and entertainment, other membership benefits include special discounts on food, entertainment, bingo, chances to win trips and more. Check with the Columbus Club or the enlisted lounge for more information.

## Services: Fun for all

**Prime rib/honey orange chicken night:** The Columbus

Club’s Tuesday night buffet’s main entrees feature prime rib and honey orange chicken and is served from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Price is \$10.95 for club members and \$13.95 for nonmembers. Call Ext. 2489.

**Crafts classes:** The skills development center crafts classes

for adults include making a wooden Autumn wall hanging, pumpkin or ghost wooden lanterns, Otis the Scarecrow or the LeRoy the Wooden scarecrow.

Youth classes include making all types of Jack O’Lanterns to include a wooden block, votive candle holders, a basket or candy dish. Stop by the center to see the displays. Call Ext. 7836.

**Retirees September special:** Retirees can use their commissary

or base exchange receipt to receive a free small drink with the purchase of any food order at the bowling center.

Receipt must be dated the same day as you receive your free soda. Call Ext. 2426.

**Kindermusik:** The youth center introduces a new music program for ages 18 months to 3 years of age, in which both children and parents learn certain topics through music and movement. A free introductory class is from 9:15 to 10 a.m. Tuesday at the youth center. The 15-week program starts Sept. 10 and meets

every Tuesday from 9:15 to 10 a.m. Cost is \$120 for the entire program with discounts given for the second child of the same family. Payment options are also available. Call Ext. 2504.

**Preschool story time:** The base library’s preschool story time begins at 10 a.m. Sept. 11. This 30-minute program is open to ages 3 to 5 and meets each Wednesday. Call Ext. 2934.

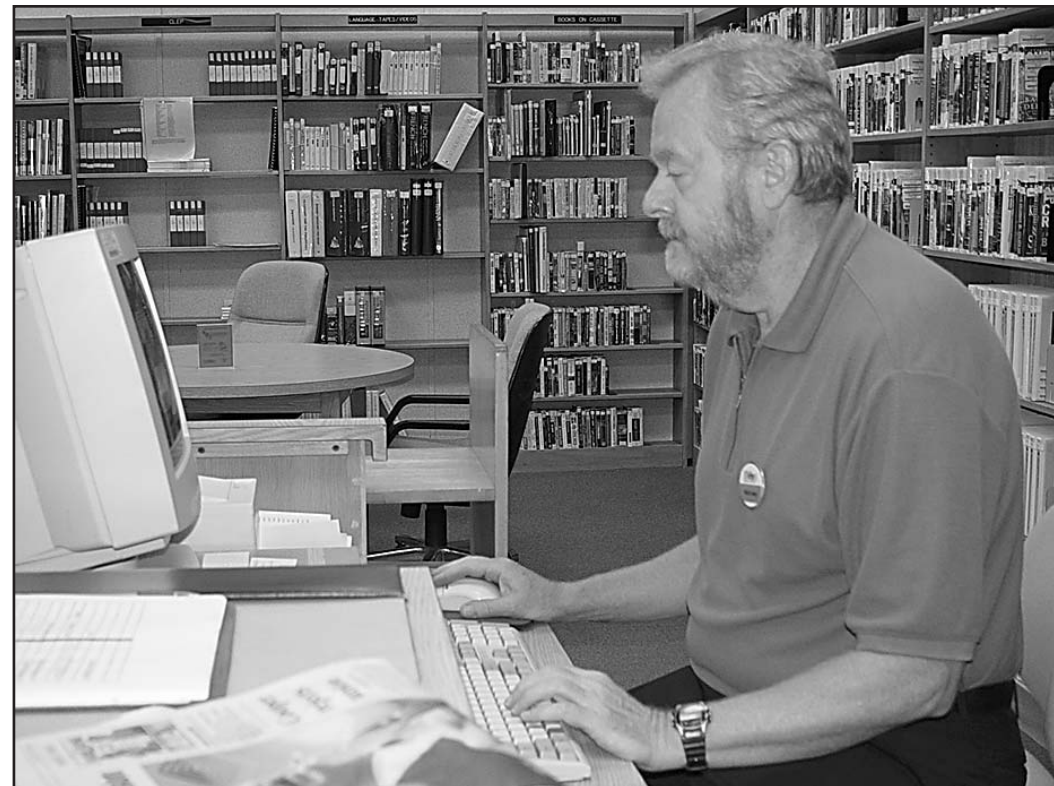
**Professional football games:** The information, ticket and travel office offers two trips to New Orleans, La.

The first trip is Sept. 14 and 15 to watch the Green Bay Packers play the New Orleans Saints. Cost is \$110 per person and includes transportation, lodging (double occupancy), ticket to the game and shuttle service. A \$50 deposit is required at registration.

The next trip is Oct. 4 to 6 to watch the Pittsburgh Steelers against the New Orleans Saints. Cost is \$160 per person and includes transportation, lodging (double occupancy), tickets to the game and shuttle service. A \$50 deposit is required at registration.

**Family child care program:** Anyone interested in becoming a family child care provider should contact the family child care office at Ext. 2486.

If a person provides care for 10 or more hours a week for one or more children, he or she must obtain a license through the family child care office. Call Ext. 2479.



Pam Wickham

## Just a click away

**Richard Lowry, library technician, inputs new book information into the new automated library system at the base library. Checking out books at the library now requires just a bar code scan. Patrons can go on-line through the Services website, [www.cafb-grapevine.com](http://www.cafb-grapevine.com), and go to the library section and click on “ilink” to view what books are in the collection, what’s available today and even renew the books they have checked out. For more information, call Ext. 2934.**

## Columbus Club Lunch Buffet

Served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Cost: \$4.95 for members and \$7.50 for nonmembers

Price includes vegetable of the day, salad and tea.



**Today**  
Fried Catfish  
Popcorn Shrimp  
Cherry Cobbler

**Monday**  
Club  
Closed

**Wednesday**  
Roast Pork Loin  
BBQ Brisket  
Apple Dumplings

**Tuesday**  
Beef Tips w/Rice  
Chicken Fajitas  
Apple Cobbler

**Thursday**  
Spaghetti  
Fettucini Alfredo  
Apple Cobbler





# Base children find plenty to do after school

*Columbus AFB Youth Center offers program to enrich, entertain kindergartners' through sixth graders' minds*



Jahri Brooks, kindergarten, plays with an etch-a-sketch before her ballet class also offered at the youth center.



Photos by Airman Alexis Lloyd

Charleshia Johnson, kindergarten, applies glue on a flower pot to make a mosaic pot, in which she later planted flower seeds.

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Public affairs

Concentrating on arranging tiny paper tiles on a miniature flower pot to make it the prettiest one, kindergartner Charleshia Johnson, shuffles the pieces to find the best pattern for her mosaic flower pot.

Johnson is a part of the after-school program at the youth center that started Aug. 7 and lasts throughout the school year.

"This program is for parents who are working and need after-school care for their children who aren't old enough to stay by themselves," said Latoya Marble, youth services specialist.

The center schedules activities such as

homework, enrichment, arts and crafts, physical fitness, cooking and dramatic play.

The children participate in a variety of activities. They learn to make homemade ice cream, mosaic flower pots, and play games like shadow tag and Connect Four.

"My favorite part is the animals because I get to feed them and learn about them," said LaChardonnay Johnson, fourth grade.

"The children are free to make their own choices here," Marble said. "They can do an activity, homework or go in the gym."

Youth center staff members are trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, first aid and have background checks performed on them before they are hired, Marble said.

"The children are safe and well cared for

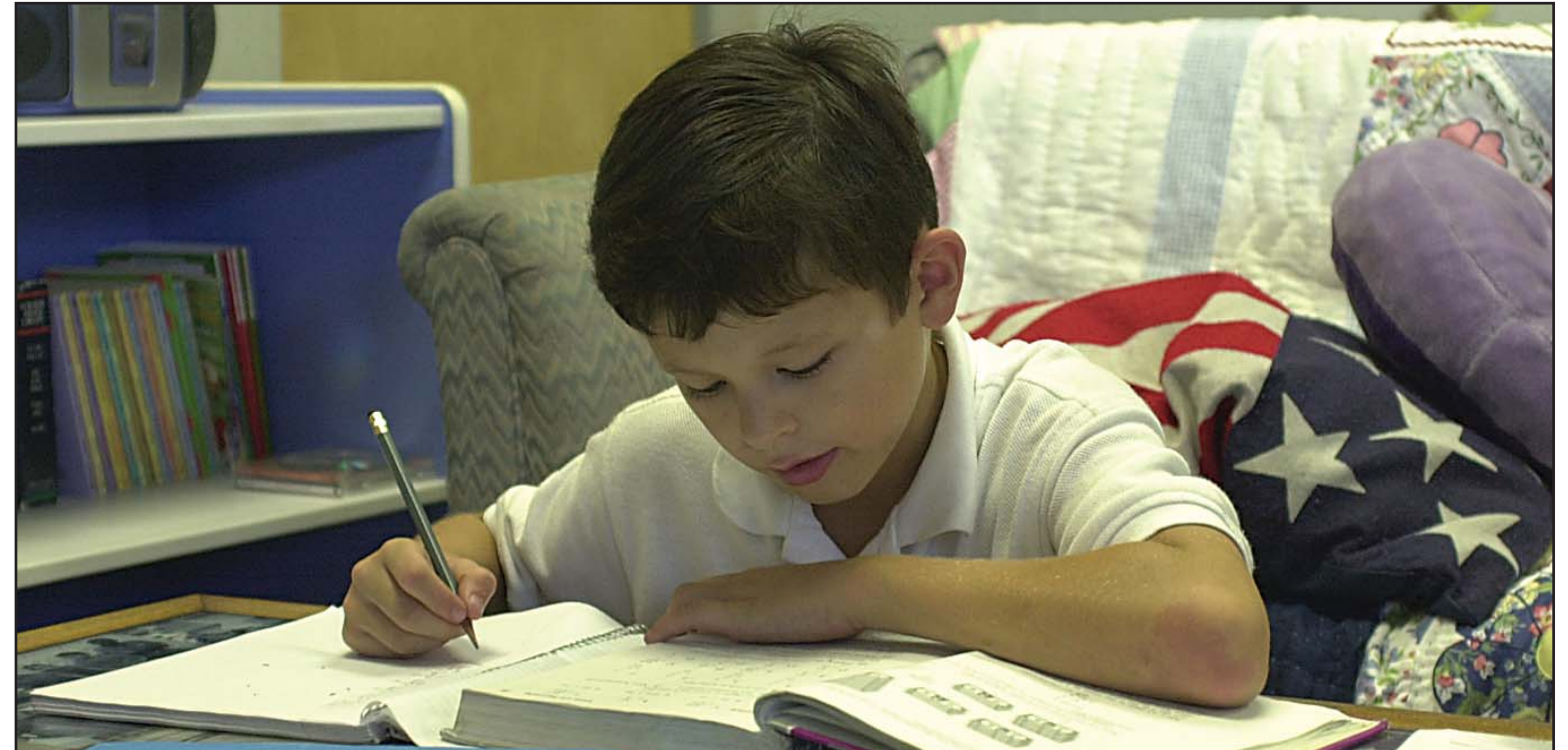
here," Marble said. "Parents can feel at ease when their children are here. They are invited to come and check us out anytime and even eat a snack with their child."

Kindergarten through sixth grade children are able to attend the youth center from 3 to 5:30 p.m.

Franklin Academy drops the children off at the center. A van service is available at an additional cost to pick up children who attend Caledonia district schools.

The cost per child is dependent upon the family's income, ranging from \$17 to \$35 a week. A snack is provided to the children every day.

For more information or to sign up, call Ext. 2504.



Tyler Kasic, fifth grade, starts his math homework in the homework room as soon as he gets to the youth center.



LaChardonnay Johnson, fourth grade, feeds the youth center's pet rabbit, Molly, an apple while Jacob Canfield, first grade, pets her. The youth center also has gerbils, a guinea pig and fish.



# Fitness 101 teaches proper equipment use at center

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Some classes are taught with books, other with computers, but at the Fitness 101 Class, people use Cybex machines.

The entry level class teaches people how to properly use the equipment at the fitness and sports center.

“This program is for people just starting a fitness program or who haven’t been to the fitness center in a while,” said Rob Wilburn, fitness and sports center director.

The class shows people the correct way to use the treadmills, cross trainers and weight-training machines for a total-body workout and to maximize their workout, Wilburn said.

“The class is specialized for each individual to learn the best type of exercises and which machines to use for what they are looking to improve,” Wilburn said.

“I never knew how to use some of these machines,” said Elizabeth Young, 43rd Flying Training Squadron.

There are 10 machines for circuit training. Circuit training uses certain exercises to build up different muscle groups using weight resistance.

There’s an incentive program for people who go through the class. The person receives a check-off list to show what machines he or she is using. After 10 workouts, the person receives a free prize from the fitness and sports center.

“I’ve had people lose 25 to 35 pounds by using the equipment correctly right and by watching their diet,” Wilburn said.

Fitness 101 classes are by appointment only, and workout clothes are recommended for the appointment.

For more information or to make an appointment, call Ext. 2772.

## SHORTS

### Golf club championship

This annual event is Saturday through Monday. Entry is \$25 for members and \$49 for nonmembers.

Food will be served following play Saturday and Sunday. Deadline to sign up for the championship is by noon today.

Tournament consists of flights based on number of participants. A men’s champion, ladies’ champion and an overall handicap champion will be determined.

A valid handicap must be available. Call Ext. 7932.

### Varsity basketball

Men’s varsity basketball tryouts are at 6 p.m. Wednesday at the fitness and sports center.

Active-duty people interested in playing men’s and women’s travel-varsity

basketball, can call Ext. 2781 for women’s varsity basketball and Ext. 2992 for men’s varsity.

### Adult Golf 101

People interested in learning the fundamentals of golf can sign up for Adult Golf 101 at the Whispering Pines Golf Course. Lessons begin at 9 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

This two-week program is from Sept. 16 through Sept. 27.

Cost is \$10 per person and includes use of rental clubs, booklets on the “Easy Way to Learn Golf Rules” and “Easy Way to Learn Golf,” a ditty bag, golf balls, hat and towel.

Deadline to register is Sept. 2 and is limited to the first 30 paid registrants. Call Ext. 7932.

### Soccer coaches training

Youth soccer coach training is from 5 to 7 p.m. Sept. 10 or from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 11 at the youth center.

Coaches may pick either day to attend. Call Ext. 2504.

### Air Force birthday fun run

A patriotic three-mile run in honor of the Air Force’s 55th birthday is at 8 a.m. Sept. 20. The fitness and sports center offers special prizes.

The squadron with the most participants earns 10 percent off any rental over \$10 from outdoor recreation, redeemable for only one month, for all members of the squadron. Call Ext. 2772.

### Soccer opening ceremony

The winter soccer season opening cere-

monies are at 6 p.m. Sept. 30 on the adult softball fields. Call Ext. 2504.

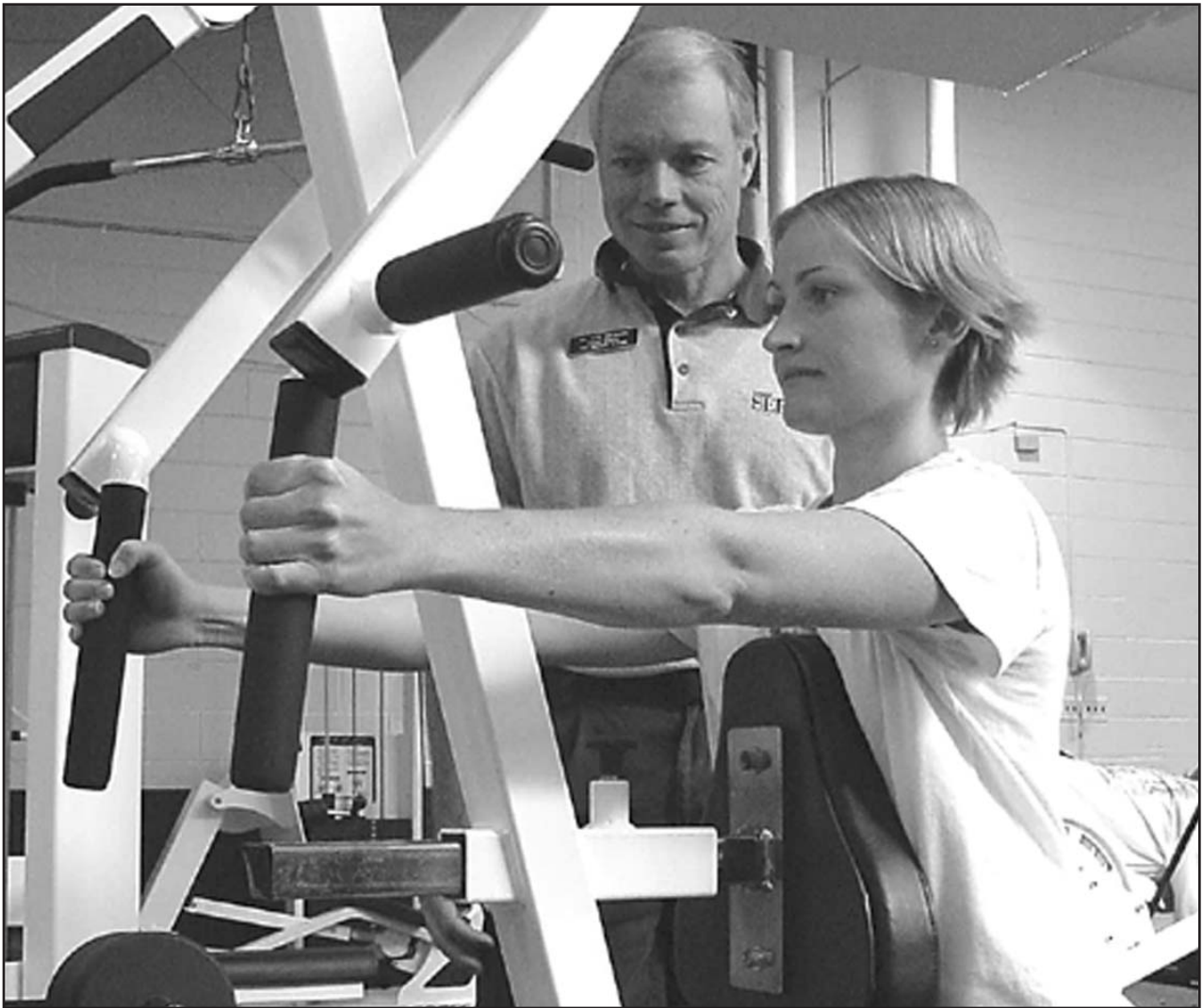
### Ultra 3-Lady Scramble

The Whispering Pines Golf Course is filling the fields with 108 lady golfers Oct. 19 for its first ultra three-lady scramble.

Entry is \$120 per team and includes 18-holes of golf, a cart, dinner following tournament, ditty bag and more. Tournament is limited to the first 36 teams that have registered and paid. Entry forms are available at the golf course. Deadline to enter is Oct. 3. Call Ext. 7932.

### Personal trainers

Personal trainers are available at the fitness and sports center to spice up a workout routine or help a person get more out of their workout. Call Ext. 2773.



**Rob Wilburn, fitness and sports center director, instructs Elizabeth Young, 43rd Flying Training Squadron, on how to use a Cybex machine designed to help with upper arm strength at the fitness and sports center.**

# 14th OSS smashes 14th MSS, 23-9



**Mark Thompson, 14th Operations Support Squadron, gears up to hit the ball Tuesday.**

## Tyndall AFB softball team commands respect

**Wayne Amann**  
Talespinner Staff Writer

On paper, the Lackland Warhawks were the favorites. On the field, Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla., proved local pundits wrong during the coed 2002 Air Education and Training Command Softball Championship Aug. 23 through Sunday here.

Lackland’s men’s varsity had recently won back-to-back Armed Forces world softball titles at Naval Air Station Pensacola, Fla., and Fort Knox, Ky.

They figured to make it a trifecta. They were also 11th in Texas in the August Lone Star Softball website Division “B” rankings.

Tyndall wasn’t intimidated as they swept seven games en route to the AETC tournament crown in 100-degree heat.

“I told the guys when we left I wouldn’t settle for anything less than gold,” said Tyndall pitcher Rhonda Hayes, who was a member of this year’s All-Air Force Women’s team that won the Armed Forces Championship in early August.

“We came here and got the job done.”

Tyndall went to work early. In the three-game round robin pool play to determine seeding in the double-elimination, 12-team coed event, they beat Laughlin AFB, Texas, 21-6, the Randolph Ramblers, 7-5, and Columbus AFB, Miss., 13-4.

Maxwell AFB, Ala. and Sheppard AFB, Texas also swept their pools but Tyndall earned the top seed based on run differential. Tyndall played like a number 1 seed routing Altus AFB, Okla., 17-3, which set up a winner’s bracket showdown with fourth-seed Lackland. The Warhawks crushed Goodfellow AFB, Texas, 13-1 the day before. Lackland pitcher Teddy Ayon was one out away from a no-hitter when cleanup batter Jerry Iman broke up the gem with a single to center in the seventh inning.

“Starting me was a last-minute decision,” conceded Ayon, who helped his own cause with a homer and three RBIs. “We thought the adjustment would help us.”

Tyndall jumped on Ayon for three runs and four hits in the first inning on its way to an emotionally charged 13-4 victory, knocking Lackland into the loser’s bracket. The Floridians collected 17 hits, 16 were singles.

“That game was the turning point for sure,” said Tyndall

as a lesson learned and be ready for the next game.”

The only homerun hit by the 14th OSS was by Matthew Boerger running in one of his teammates.

In the top of the second, bases were loaded for 14th OSS. Mark Thompson came to the plate and whacked a line drive to left field, running in all bases leaving him on second.

Thompson came through in the clutch, hitting four for five.

“It was a good game,” Thompson said. “The best team won.”

The six teams that made it to the playoffs were 14th OSS, 14th MSS, 14th Security Forces Squadron Team 1, DynCorp, 48th Flying Training Squadron and 14th Civil Engineer Squadron Team 1. The 14th CES team received the regular season first-place trophy.



### Upcoming Intramural Sports

**Intramural sports are starting up with a new sports season.**

**Bowling — Tuesday**

**Flag football — Sept. 9**

**Darts and volleyball — Oct. 1**

**For more information contact the squadron’s sports representative.**

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### Sports Ideas

People who have sports story ideas from bicycling to skeet shooting, should call Airman Alexis Lloyd at Ext. 7070.